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PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

OF

EIRE (IRISH FREE STATE)

This revision of the plant quarantine import restrictions of Eire has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that country.

It was prepared by Richard Faxon, Division of Foreign Plant Quarantines, from a memorandum supplied by the American Legation in Dublin. The minister received the information from the Irish Government, which incorporates new amendments to the regulations and sets forth the restrictions as they exist at present.

The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, or as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative. The quarantines themselves should be consulted for the exact texts.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1929, and the following Orders made thereunder:

(1) Destructive Insects and Pests (Ireland) Order, 1922.
(2) Potatoes Importation (Ireland) Order, 1920.
(3) Importation of Elm Trees (Prohibition) Order, 1929.
(4) Importation of Raw Apples Order, 1930.
(5) Destructive Insects and Pests (Chrysanthemum Midge) (No. 2) Order, 1939.
(6) Colorado Beetle Order, 1945.
(7) Importation of Strawberry Plants and Black Currant and Gooseberry Bushes Order, 1946.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The importation of plants, other than those grown in and imported from Northern Ireland, is prohibited save under, and in accordance with, a license obtained in advance from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin (Colorado Beetle Order, 1945). The word "plants" includes all trees and shrubs, raw vegetables (including potatoes, potato haulms, and leaves), tomatoes, grapes, cider apples, cut flowers, tubers, bulbs, rhizomes, corms, roots, layers, cuttings, and other parts of trees, shrubs, and plants, but does not include elm trees.

2. Licenses for the importation of plants are at present being granted subject to the production of a certificate, signed by a duly authorized official of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the plants are grown, in the following form or in a substantially similar form:

> This is to certify that the plants included in the consignment, of which particulars are given below, were thoroughly examined on the_____, by _____, a duly authorized official of the_____ and found to be healthy, no evidence of the presence of any insect, fungus, or other pest destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops having been found in them.
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> *It is further certified that the Colorado potato Beetle (Leptinotarsa decemlineata Say.) does not exist, and has not been known to exist within a radius of at least fifty kilometers of the place where the plants, included in the package or consignment described below, were grown.
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> Signed_____
> (Official status)_____
> (Date of issue of certificate)_____

*This certification requirement appears to be practically an embargo against the importation of "plants" from the United States.

Number and description of packages _____
Distinguishing marks _____
Description of plants _____
Stated to be grown at _____
Exported by _____
Name and address of consignee _____
Name of vessel or aircraft _____
Date of shipment _____
Port or place of landing in Ireland _____

3. The original of such certificate must be sent direct to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin, before the plants are dispatched. A copy must accompany the consignment in transit, and must be delivered to an officer of Customs and Excise at the same time as the entry under the Customs Acts with respect to the consignment is delivered.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

4. Potatoes. A special license must be obtained in advance for the importation of potatoes. Such a license would require the production of a certificate, in addition to that mentioned in paragraph 2, to the effect that no case of the disease known as wart disease or black scab of potatoes (Synchytrium endobioticum) has occurred on the farm or holding where the potatoes included in the consignment were grown, nor within 500 yards (approximately 1/2 kilometer) thereof. Licenses are not granted except in the case of new seedlings or special stocks for cultivation under supervision. (Potatoes Importation (Ireland) Order, 1920, and Destructive Insects and Pests (Ireland) Order, 1922).

5. Seeds. The general regulations outlined above have not been applied to seeds. In the case of onion and leek seeds for sowing, however, a certificate of inspection and freedom from insects, fungi, or other pests destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops must be furnished. (A similar certificate must be furnished in the case of gooseberries) (Destructive Insects and Pests (Ireland) Order, 1922).

6. Chrysanthemum Plants. A special license must be obtained in advance for the importation of chrysanthemum plants. Such a license, if granted, would require the production of a certificate, in addition to that mentioned in paragraph 2, to the effect that the plants are free from chrysanthemum midge and that the place where the plants were grown is also free from this pest. (Destructive Insects and Pests (Chrysanthemum Midge) (No. 2) Order, 1939).

7. Strawberry Plants and Black Currant and Gooseberry Bushes. A special license must be obtained in advance for the importation of strawberry plants or black currant or gooseberry bushes. Such a license, if granted, would, in the case of strawberry plants and black currant bushes, require the production of a certificate, in addition to that mentioned in paragraph 2, to the effect that the produce is true to name and free from visible symptoms of virus disease. (Importation of Strawberry Plants and Black Currant and Gooseberry Bushes Order, 1946).

8. Raw Apples. The importation, between July 7th and November 15th in any year, of raw apples grown in the United States of America is prohibited unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate signed by a duly authorized inspector of the Federal Department of Agriculture in the following form:

"This is to certify that the raw apples included in the package or consignment described below are one of the following grades as recognized by the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America:

(For Barrel Apples)	(For Boxed Apples)
"U. S. Fancy"	"Extra Fancy"
"U. S. (No. 1)"	"Fancy"

Signature _____
Official status _____
Date _____

Description of Consignment

Number and nature of packages _____
Distinguishing marks _____
Variety of apples _____
Name and address of consignee _____
Name of vessel _____
Date of shipment _____
Port of shipment _____

This certificate should be delivered to an officer of Customs and Excise at the same time as, and together with, the entry relating to the consignment. (Importation of Raw Apples Order, 1930).

9. Elm Trees. The importation of the elm trees is prohibited absolutely. (Importation of Elm Trees (Prohibition) Order, 1929).

Contraventions of Orders

Any person who imports plants without a license is liable to prosecution and severe penalties, and the plants so imported may be destroyed at the expense of the importer.

Exporters are accordingly advised not to forward the above-mentioned produce unless they have received an assurance that the requisite import license has been obtained by the consignee.

NOTE

The above particulars relate solely to phytopathological restrictions on importation. Some of the produce mentioned, e.g. apples and tomatoes, may also be subject to quantitative restrictions as are such items as cereal seeds, tobacco seeds, grass seeds, and root and vegetable seeds of certain descriptions.

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